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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER SAYS ROK WILL NOT SEEK NAC MEMBERSHIP

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1. ROK FOREIGN MINISTER KIM TONG-CHO ANNOUNCED TO THE PRESS SEPTEMBER 9 THAT SOUTH KOREA WILL NOT RENEW ITS APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. THE ANNOUNCEMENT CAME AMID CONTINUING RUMORS THAT KIM WILL BE REPLACED AS FOREIGN MINISTER AS SOON AS EXPEDIENT. ACCORDING TO FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES, KIM ATTENDED A HIGH LEVEL FOREIGN POLICY MEETING THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 9, PRESIDED OVER BY PRESIDENT PAK CHONG-HUI. THE ANNOUNCEMENT PROBABLY REFLECTS THE OUTCOME OF THAT MEETING.

2. IN HIS AIRPORT STATEMENT ON ARRIVING IN SEOUL SEPTEMBER 8 KIM HAD CHARACTERIZED THE NAC EFFORT AS FRUITFUL BECAUSE IT REVEALED DIVISIONS IN THE NON-ALIGNED CAMP AND SUPPORT FOR THE ROK POSITION.
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